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To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governour and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency to permit his Lordships Justices of Queen Anns County Court to offer you their Tribute of Gratitude Esteem and Respect, for the many Instances of your Regard for, and Care of, the Welfare and Happiness of the People of Maryland, in the Course of an Administration which has been honourable to yourself, and easy to those, over whom you have long presided

Give us Leave also Sir, to express the Concern we really feel at the Approach of that Time, when we have Reason to believe your Excellency is no longer to exercise the Powers of Government; A Period which, we are persuaded, wou'd be less disagreeable to his Majesties faithful Subjects here, in proportion if it were much more remote

We have the Honour to be Sir Your Excellencys most obedient and most humble Servants

W^m Hopper Jo. Smyth John Brown Geo. Garnett Jun^r W^m Gould Chris^r Cross Routh Th. Wright Turbutt Wright Rich^d Mason Joshua Clark

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The Humble Address of Somerset County Court.

May it please your Excellency,

We have heard with much regret that your Removal from the Government of this Province, is intended speedily to take place; and tho' your worthy Successor may fully answer every reasonable Expectation, yet the general Harmony maintained by your Excellency with the good People of this Province, and our long Experience of your Wisdom. Mildness and Abilities in Administration, must not only create but justify our Concerns.

Whilst your Integrity in managing the Business of your Department hath fortified your Character and Reputation